

Orem Elementary PTA Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, November 7, 2017  
Orem Elementary  
09:37

**Attendance:**

Deanne Moses  
Kim Strong  
Angie Reynolds  
Hayley Peterson  
Lori Sanders

Paige Gibson  
Tamara Bahr  
Autumn Linsley  
Adria Howse  
Jeany Vitters

Jana Keen  
Anna Steadman  
Delaina Whimpey  
Katie Anderson  
Andrea Park

Deanne Moses conducting.

**Reverence/Pledge:** Adria Howse

“Every child in your class is somebody’s whole world.” We could say in our PTA—but it’s good to see it that way in all that we do and remember that it’s one of many kids, but to someone that kid is their whole world!

**Secretary Approval of Minutes:** Angie Reynolds

October 3, 2017 minutes approved

Motion: Kim Strong

2<sup>nd</sup>: Deanne Moses

Noted that minutes no longer have to be approved. They just have to be written up and made available and then they can contact the secretary if changes need to be made.

**Treasurer Report:** Kim Strong

Our bank balance is \$24, 832. We cut a check to the school to pay for the bells. We are ready to move forward on the 9 square in the air that Mrs. Jensen is getting for the school that we approved.

Tamara Bahr noted that they were able to get the ballroom banners through Costco for \$25, so we got two made—one that says ballroom on it and one with just the school name.

**Principal’s Report:** Andrea is excused because she had a district meeting.

**Teacher’s Report:** Jeany Vitters

Andrea asked if all the PTA would go to the Boundary Meeting Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> here at our school in the media center from 3:30-4:00pm. Then Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> will be the public input meeting at our school from 4-6pm and then the 30<sup>th</sup> one will be held at Vineyard.

Thank you for delicious meals at parent teacher conferences and Mrs. Hancock is thrilled we gave her the bells for the children to use in their concerts and thanks Mrs. Judd for letting her use her chimes.

Discussion about Grandparents lunch to help lunch ladies get an idea of numbers. Decided a Google survey would be made and sent out asking who would be attending and if they would be buying a school lunch. Lori Sanders agreed to create that.

**Book Fair:** Deanne Moses

Lisa Tanner not present to give us a report, but it seemed to have gone well, and a great purpose served in giving our profits to help another school.

**Box Top Report:** Deanne Moses

Amy not present to give us an amount we collected.

**Red Ribbon Week:**

Mrs. Vitters passed along that as far as the teachers are concerned, it was great. It was all very organized and we just had to read along and follow. Jana Keen commented how her kids who came this year from another school, mentioned how this was the best Red Ribbon Week they've ever had! Jill Judd did a great job organizing and running it all! Comments on how kids wanted it to be a full week, not a short week. Possibility to look at changing that in the future.

**Family Skate Night:** Deanne Moses

Was a lot of fun. Kids enjoyed getting the glow bracelets. It was well attended.

**Reflections:** Jana Keen

There were 61 entries overall. May be down from past years, but due to the last minute notice and scrambling to make it happen, it's pretty good amount. Most categories were represented across the grades. The awards Ceremony will be next Tuesday, the 14<sup>th</sup>. Invitations will be going out shortly to everyone who entered. Donations and prizes have been collected for them. The front office will get the custodians to help set up tables and chairs needed. Only 1 in 9 or 10 were turned in meeting all the required guidelines, so next year will include a link for parents to know the guidelines. Deanne will text Maria Wood to make sure she gets there to take pictures for the yearbook.

**Misc. Items:**

Veterans Day assembly is a neat thing coming up on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Book Buddies will be on the 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am and 6:00pm. Kim Farragher is ready to go with that, and with the name change, it doesn't matter what adult comes with the kids. Nothing in December requires our attention!

Brought up how it is liked how we are planning to do care packages for the kids, but some concern about the safety of kids at our school. Suggested to give teachers some training. Encouraged to talk with Mrs. Park

Jenna Wood approached Lori Sanders and discussed how they do prizes at the carnival. At Foothill Elementary they have gone to wristbands for all the games, and there are no prizes won at the games—all prizes are purchased. They want to go home with something better but don't want to stay long enough to get them, and they ended up making more money! There wouldn't have to be anybody to hand out prizes and it would cut down on the theft problem. Concerns expressed about it costing too much with several kids to purchase wristbands. What if we had a combination of wristbands and tickets? Bake sale items would have to be considered—wristbands wouldn't work with that. Problem now is all the kids want to collect as

many tickets as possible so they wait until the very end and the prize tables are mobbed! Will discuss with Bunney Schmidt and the Carnival Committee and explore making changes.

Mrs. Jensen suggested to somehow get back into the mindset of the community that it is a Fundraiser! Not a place to come get things for cheap! She also shared an idea of having chairs painted by different classes and then sell them and bring in a lot more money for them. Mrs. Jensen finally received the check for the Fuel Up to Play 60 grant but only got half of what is needed-so we will only have 1 instead of 2. PTA approved enough to cover both however, so the go ahead was given to purchase 2.

Next meeting will be December 5<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 am.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 am.